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**--- MEETING AGENDA ---**

**1. Welcome & Introductions** (Peter Bonsall/Kerry Shakarjian) 5 min.

**a. Please use the WebEx chat to enter:**

- i. Your First/Last Name
- ii. Your Organization and/or National Trail Affiliation
- iii. Select send to: EVERYONE
- iv. Your Answer to: **What should be our network focus for the upcoming meeting topics and presentations? Will you present or help locate presenters? Are there any topics you'd like to see this group discuss or cover in 2019?**

- b. Meeting agendas, presentations, and notes are uploaded to the [PNTS website](#). Please feel free to contact Ryan Cooper, Peter Bonsall, or Kerry Shakarjian and we would be happy to share these items with you.

**2. Announcements & Information from Audience** 5 min.

- a. National Trails Workshops announced for 2020: May 18-21 in Ghost Ranch, New Mexico and October 26-30 in Morganton, North Carolina.
- b. Looking for presentations for next year, 2020 =)
- c. Additional updates?

**3. Discussion Topic** 45 min.

**Presenter: Elizabeth McCartney, Project Manager, National Digital Trails, National Geospatial Program, U.S Geological Survey**

***National Digital Trails - Project Update***

The National Digital Trails Network project was developed in response to the Department of Interior's vision to expand recreational opportunities on the Nation's public lands.

Our Nation is home to a vast network of recreational trails traveled by millions of citizens. The trails are managed by numerous organizations and jurisdictions and do not form a coherent, connected network. The overall goal of this project is to provide the data and the tools to enable land managers to visualize opportunities to increase the connectivity within this network.

Join us for a progress report on our three major goals: (1) create a decision support tool to assist land managers in identifying connections between trails; (2) create a robust national digital trails network; and (3) develop a mobile responsive editor for maintaining trails.

**4. Future Meeting Dates & Topics** 5 min.

- a. **November 19, 2019** - Brian Deaton and Sara Rivera, NPS National Trails Intermountain Region, NTIR's mapping of the annual commemorative re-ride by the National Pony Express Association of the Pony Express NHT.
- b. **December 17, 2019** - No call this month, enjoy the holidays!
- c. **January 21, 2020** - tbd

**We always welcome suggestions for additional topics for discussion or presentations. Please contact Ryan Cooper, Peter Bonsall, and/or Kerry Shakarjian with your suggestions!**

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**NTS GIS Network Mission:**

*We established the NTS GIS Network as a way to connect the diverse array of National Trails System staff and partners who use GIS systems and products in their work. One of our goals is to facilitate the sharing of information and tools that help us do our jobs more efficiently and innovatively. Because the national trails system is managed as a collaboration of agencies and partner organizations, the NTS GIS Network is open to anyone.*